

King III to Lead SCLC

The eldest son of Martin Luther King Jr. was elected yesterday in Atlanta to follow in his father's footsteps as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Martin Luther King III, who just turned 40, faces high expectations as he tries to revitalize the civil rights organization co-founded by his father in 1957.

The SCLC has failed to recapture the prominence it enjoyed before his father's assassination in 1968 at age 39. The Rev. Joseph Lowery, outgoing head of the organization, believes King can live up to the name. He was elected by the SCLC board of directors as the fourth president of the group.

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